

I regret to say that my President, who I respect so much on so many other different issues, we have such a difference of opinion on this one. I would like for him to go down to a maquiladora area. I would like for him to talk to the workers in those colonias, to see for himself what we are talking about here, to see the pollution, to see the despair, to see the hopelessness and the alienation.

Someone is going to have to lead an international effort, Mr. President, on wages, on labor rights, on environmental rights. It might as well be us. We have benefited more than anyone else in the world. We have, and our European cousins. We need to share that with the workers in Asia and Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean Basin. We have to hold the multinational-transnational corporations responsible.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, let me again at the end of my comments here wish President Zedillo and President Clinton and all the Latin leaders in Costa Rica tomorrow well in their discussions, and I look forward to a vigorous debate as we proceed to discuss this fast-track trade authority. With China, which will, I assume, follow that, or precede it, but certainly will be before us within the next 4 or 5 months, these trade issues are terribly, terribly important because of the globalization efforts underway, and tearing down borders, marrying our countries to each other economically, and creating a situation in which workers will have hopefully a fair and a decent ability to compete.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. REYES (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and tomorrow, Wednesday, May 7.

Mr. SCHIFF (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and the balance of the week on account of medical reasons.

Mr. KOLBE (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and tomorrow on account of traveling to Mexico with the President.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. VISCLOSKEY, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. HULSHOF) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. MICA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HULSHOF, for 5 minutes, on May 13.

Mr. CANNON, for 5 minutes, on May 7.
Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHIMKUS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BRADY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. NEY, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SCHUMER.

Mr. CAPPS.

Ms. DELAURO.

Ms. LOFGREN.

Mr. BONIOR.

Mr. KILDEE.

Mr. UNDERWOOD.

Ms. WOOLSEY.

Mr. KANJORSKI.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.

Mr. FROST.

Mr. DOYLE.

Mr. WAXMAN.

Mrs. LOWEY.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. HULSHOF) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. MANZULLO.

Mr. WALSH.

Mr. SHUSTER.

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.

Mr. NEY.

Mr. LEWIS of California.

Mr. SHIMKUS.

Mr. ROGERS.

Mr. McKEON.

Mr. EVERETT.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida.

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado.

Mr. SOLOMON.

Mr. RILEY.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BONIOR) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas.

Mr. SNOWBARGER.

Mr. GOODLATTE.

Ms. NORTON.

Mrs. EMERSON.

Mr. CHRISTENSEN.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee did on the following date present to the President, for his approval, a bill of the House of the following title:

On May 6, 1997:

H.R. 968. An act to title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to permit a waiver of the prohibition of offering nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs in certain nursing facilities.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 50 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 7, 1997, at 11 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

3130. A letter from the Under Secretary for Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Rural Rental Housing (RRH) Assistance (Rural Housing Service) [Workplan Numbers 96-009 and 96-010] (RIN: 0575-AC15) received May 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3131. A letter from the Under Secretary for Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Processing Requests for Section 515 Rural Rental Housing (RRH) Loans (Rural Housing Service) [Workplan Number 95-001] (RIN: 0575-AB93) received May 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3132. A letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Referral of Known or Suspected Criminal Violations [12 CFR Part 617] (RIN: 3052-AB33) received April 30, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3133. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—1997 Marketing Quota and Price Support for Flue-Cured Tobacco [Workplan Number 96-053] (RIN: 0560-AF00) received May 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3134. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Amendments to the Peanut Poundage Quota Regulations [Workplan Number 96-033] (RIN: 0560-AE82) received May 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3135. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's report on Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities National Programs—Grants to Institutions of Higher Education, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3136. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's report on Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities National Programs—Federal Activities Grants Program, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3137. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Announcement of Proposal Guidelines for the Competition for the 1997 National Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Demonstration Pilots [FRL-5822-7] received May 6, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3138. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes;